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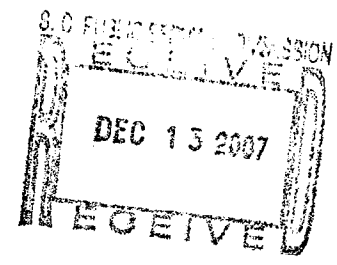


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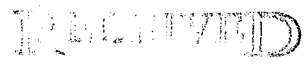
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Dear Mr. Terreni:

South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (SCDHHS) established contracts with two transportation brokers in FY07, replacing our contracts with over twenty (20) transportation providers. Since the establishment of the broker system in South Carolina, it has become clear to SCDHHS that we are hampered by the lack of the level of transportation referred to as "stretcher van." Many Medicaid recipients require transportation in a prone or supine position, but do not require the level of medical attention that necessitates an ambulance transport. Due to the lack of "stretcher vans", SCDHHS pays for all these recipients to be transported in an ambulance; this is extremely expensive and is not consistent with our federal mandate to administer the transportation program in an efficient and cost effective manner.

We are aware that the Office of Regulatory Staff (ORS) has requested the addition of "stretcher vans" as a new category of certified motor carriers. SCDHHS is strongly in support of this request. Any efforts you can make to expedite this effort would be greatly appreciated. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this request, please contact Felicity Myers, Deputy Director for Medical Programs, at (803) 898-2803.

Sincerely,

Emma Forkner

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